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In re Application of
Michael JOHANSSON et al.
Application No. 10/605,318
Filed: September 22, 2003
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07589.0129.PCUS00

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 25, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.


This application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 41.37(a)(1). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed December 14, 2005 with a Certificate of Transmission/Mailing of November 09, 2005, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.197(b). As no claim was allowed, the application became abandoned on February 15, 2006. See MPEP 1215.04.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$ 810, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$ 1540; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

This application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg., at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office, at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Karin Reichle at (571) 272-6051.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2858 for processing and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business.


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